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Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please substitute the following amended paragraph for the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5 as follows:

9. (Amended) This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/179,744, filed August 5, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,248,597, issued June 19, 2001.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claim 18 and substitute the following amended Claim 21 for the originally filed Claim of the same number:

21. (Amended) A method of preparing a microparticle reagent for an agglutination assay which comprises mixing first microparticles of 30-600 nm in diameter having a refractive index

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